

Youth Christmas Service in Malang, December 21, 2013 (Saturday Evening)

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Tabernacle, Luke 6 refers to the Court(righteousness).

In the beginning, God creates perfect man as glorious as He is. He has God's image to be put in Eden so he is happy. If we have God's image, we will be happy.

Unfortunately, they fall into sin, so they are naked. They lose God's righteousness, holiness, glory and image. Consequently, they are cast out to the world.

God is not willing if human He created is cursed and perishes. So, He makes effort to return human to His righteousness, holiness, glory and image.

God's effort to return human to His image is called **God's upbringing**.

There are seven kinds of upbringing as follows:

1. **Luke 6:1-5** is about the body is brought up by God.
The body is brought to the grainfields. It means entering spiritual or Heavenly activity, namely eating the Word of God that it is ingrained in our life. If God's attitude is ingrained, sin will be removed.
2. **Luke 6:12-16** is about the soul is brought up by God,
3. **Luke 6:17-19** is about the spirit is brought up by God,
4. **Luke 6:6-11** is about the deed is brought up by God,
5. **Luke 6:20-26** is about the mind is brought up by God,
6. **Luke 6:27-45** is about the heart is brought up by God,
7. **Luke 6:46-49** is about life journey is brought up by God.

We are discussing the second upbringing that is **the soul is brought up by God**

Luke 6:12-13

6:12. Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

6:13. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:

The soul is brought up by God that we have **spiritual or Heavenly position**, namely ministry.

Why does God call and choose twelve disciples to be appointed as twelve apostles?

Because, the number twelve is related to New Jerusalem which is filled up by number twelve.

Revelation 21:12-14

21:12. Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

21:13. three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

21:14. Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb

The purpose of God's calling for us is that we go to the New Jerusalem.

What is the meaning of New Jerusalem?

1. The perfect bride or perfect life.
The bride is same as New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:9-10

21:9. Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

21:10. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

2. The Kingdom of Heaven.

Only perfect people are able to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

We must experience the **renewal process** that we can enter New Jerusalem.

Christmas means God is born to become human in Jesus. It is **the first biggest miracle**. The second one is happening now, namely the sinner is reborn to become as perfect as God.

What should be renewed to go to New Jerusalem?

1. Fear.

Luke 1:30

1:30. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

Mary is afraid to conceive baby Jesus.

It means that youth is afraid to sacrifice for spiritual thing. Having fear to sacrifice, there will be another fear concerning future, mate, up to everything.

Having fear, one will not hesitate to sacrifice spiritual thing and God that he loses the salvation forever.

If Mary does not want to conceive Jesus, the salvation for the whole world will vanish away.

2. Doubtful heart about prophetic word.

Luke 1:34

1:34. Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

If we doubt, we have many questions.

Doubtful man is not calm, but full of labor and heavy laden. Consequently, he receives nothing.

If we win, everything is easy and light.

James 1:6-8

1:6. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

1:7. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

1:8. he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

By repeated preaching of the Word, Mary experiences the **renewal of heart**, namely heart that believes and obeys true teaching Word.

Luke 1:37-38

1:37. "For with God nothing will be impossible."

1:38. Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Mary obeys God, dares to take the risk, and does His will.

A true priest is one who does God's will, believes, and obeys the Word whatever risk may come. We stretch our hand to God and so does He.

The results are as follows:

- power to open the womb.

Mary is a virgin, but she can bear a baby or there is a life.

It means as follows:

- The power of God is able to take care of our life physically and spiritually even we are in impossibility.
- The power of God is able to help us from problems up to the impossible one.
- The power of God is able to make us successful in His time.

- power to open the door of Heaven.

- Baby Jesus is born means there is power to forgive the sinner and to return him to righteousness and salvation.
- Power to make us perfect and the power of renewal from carnal men to perfect ones like Jesus.

Revelation 21:11

21:11. *having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.*

The occupant of New Jerusalem is like crystal that is clear. We must be honest to confess whoever we are. The jasper stone means **being fervent**. We are fervent, faithful and responsible in ministry. When Jesus comes a second time, we are changed as glorious as Him.

God blesses us.